MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no X

Property Name: Mt. Oak United Methodist Church and Parsonage Inventory Number: PG #74A-9

Address: 14100 Mt. Oak Road City: Mitchellville Zip Code: 20716

County: Prince Georges Co. USGS Topographic Map: Lanham Quad

Owner: Trustees of Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

Tax Parcel Number: 51 Tax Map Number: 62 Tax Account ID Number: 0794131

Project: Woodmore Road Intersection Improvements Agency: ___

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name: N/A Date: ___

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

Criteria: X A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes Name of district: N/A

Is district listed? X no ___ yes Determined eligible? X no ___ yes District Inventory Number: N/A

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP PG #74A-9 (1988, 11985, 1974)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Mt. Oak United Methodist Church sits on a low hill in the northeast corner of the Mt. Oak Road intersection with Church Road. Its modern, cast imitation stone facing belies the historic edifice beneath. Initially constructed in 1881, the building has undergone several dramatic renovations. As it stands today (2005), the church is a gable-roof (east-west) sanctuary with tall, narrow windows and a small, angular spire topped with a cross. On the northwest (1950s) and southwest (1926) exterior corners, two gable-end additions form a T. Since 1988 (last documentation of the church), a larger meeting room addition was constructed on the north end of the north (1950s) addition. The interior was initially altered following a fire in 1935, at which time "the original building was raised and a basement excavated underneath" (MIHP PG #74A-9, 1988). The original bell tower was also removed at that time. Due east of the church building is the two-story frame parsonage built in 1940. The building retains its Colonial Revival form but is covered with aluminum siding and has at least some replacement vinyl windows.

Determination of Eligibility

The Mt. Oak United Methodist Church and parsonage, although altered from its historic appearance, has been an important landmark at the Church Road/Mt. Oak Road intersection since 1881. Still an active church community with its nearby cemetery (at Woodmore Road), it is significant for its historic continuity on the site and within the Mitchellville area.

Prepared by: Paula S. Reed & Associates, Inc. Date Prepared: 15 July 2005

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ___ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Comments:

[signature] 9/19/05

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[signature] 9/22/05

Reviewer, NR program **Date**

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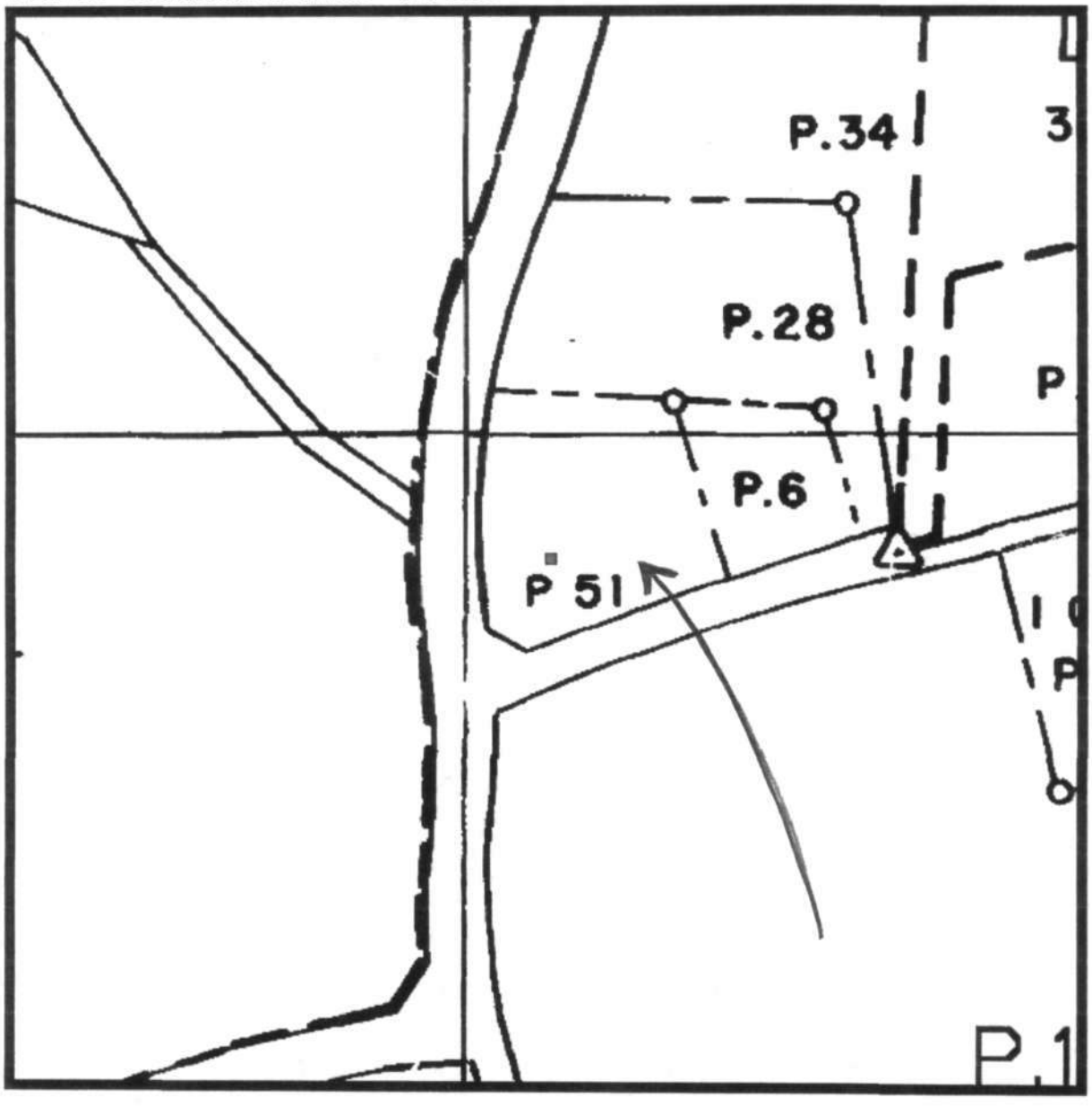

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Prince Georges Co., MD
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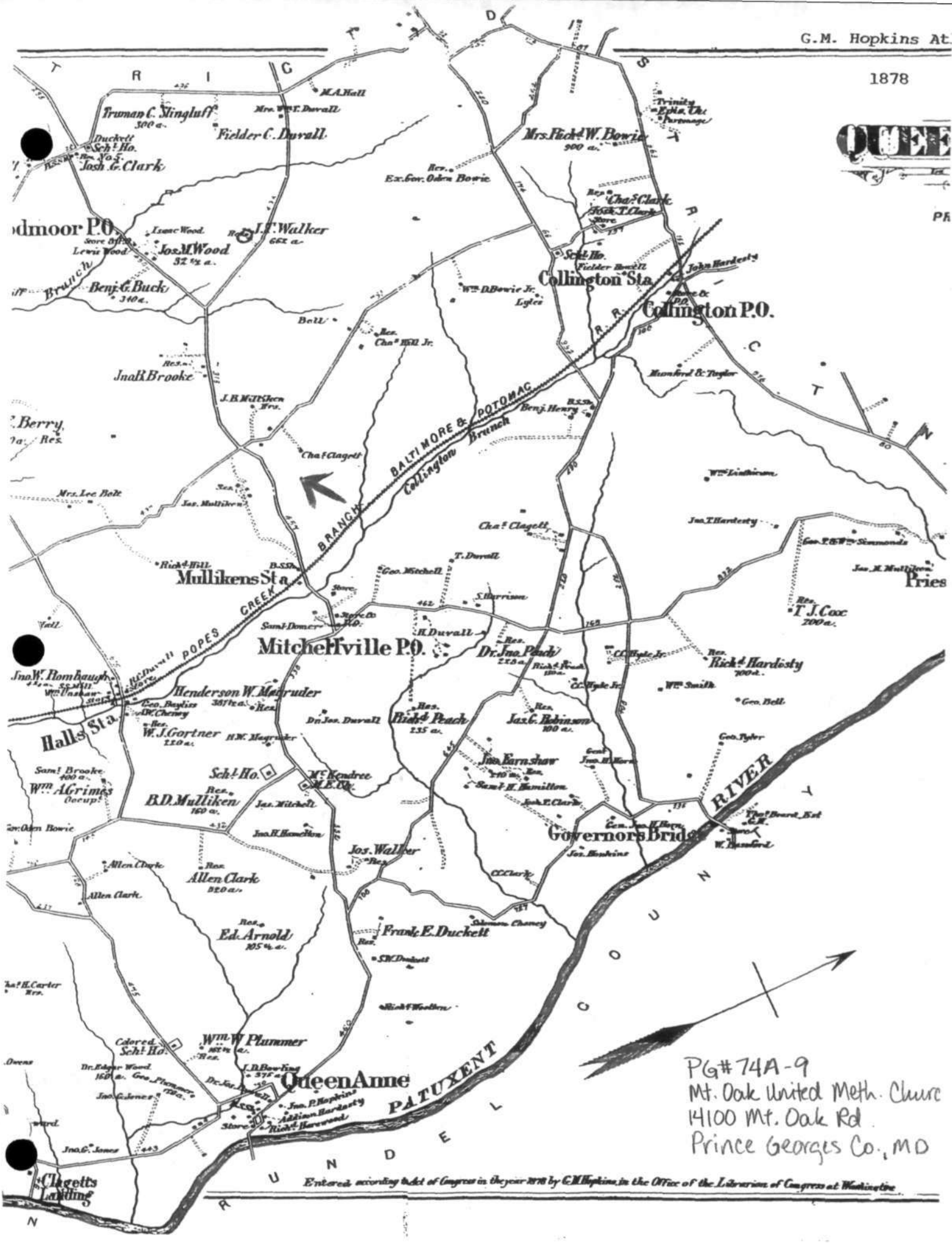

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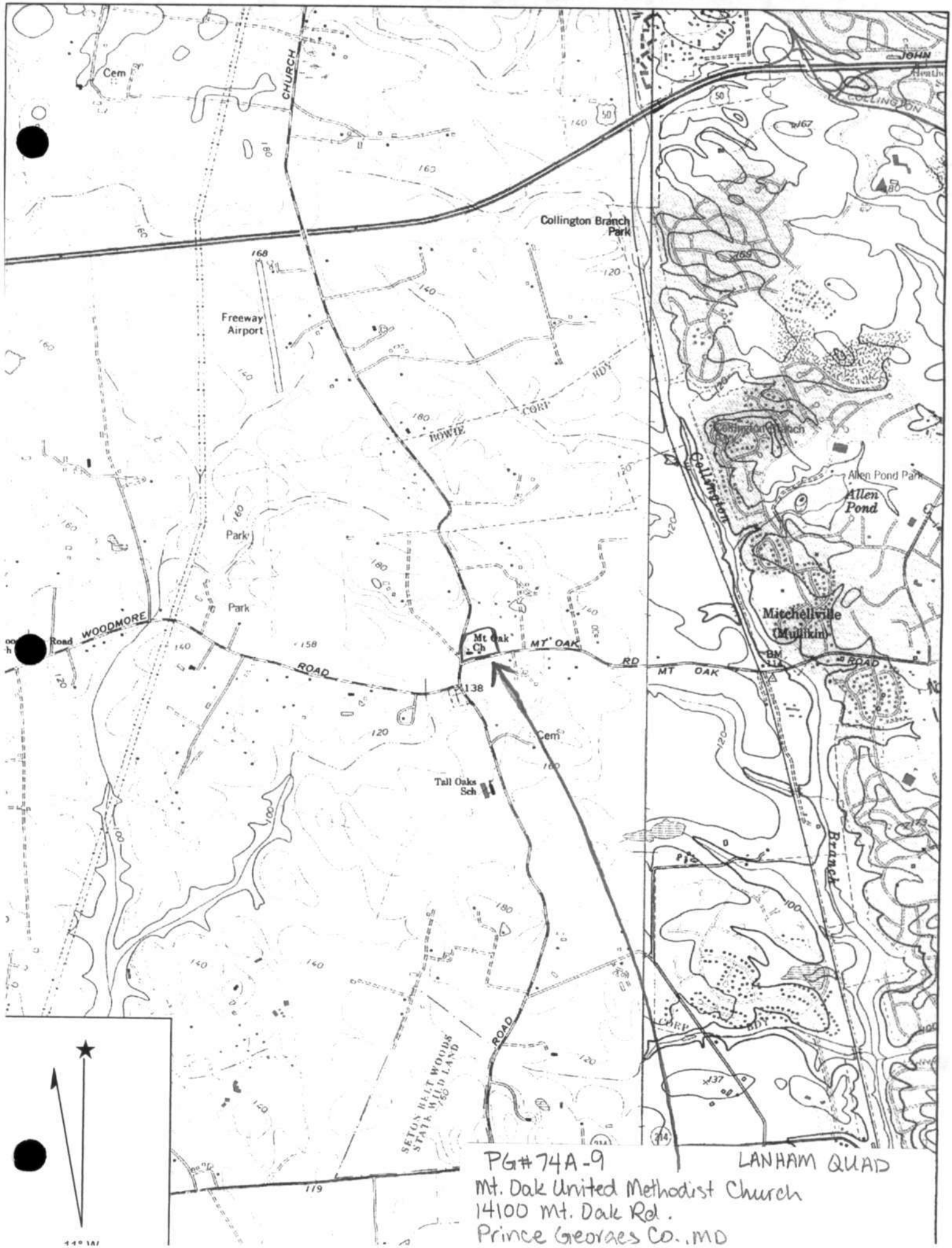

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Church and parsonage, view NW from Mt Oak Rd

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Church, S and E elevations, view NW

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Church, E elevation of newest addition, view SW
toward N elevation of main church section

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Parsonage, W and S elevations, view NE

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View SW from church lot toward intersection of Mt. Oak Rd. and Church Rd.

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View SW from church lot toward cemetery at intersection of Church Rd. and Woodmore Rd.

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

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Private/Religious/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

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Acreage: 1 acre

Survey No. P.G. #74A-9

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14100 Mt. Oak Road ___ not for publication

city, town Mitchellville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Md. 20716 county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
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X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	X religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

street & number 14100 Mt. Oak Road telephone no.: 249-2230

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code Md. 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G.'s County Courthouse liber 6

street & number Main Street folio 397

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division -M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. PG#74A-9

Condition		Check one	Check one
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___ good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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The sanctuary section incorporates the original meeting house style frame church of 1881; it has, however, been rebuilt several times.[1] Most recently (1981) it has been extended to the east to include an entry vestibule, the entrance to which is through modern glass double doors in the first bay of the north elevation. The building has been covered with a white cut-stone facing. The five bays of the sanctuary are lighted by narrow vertical four-section aluminum-frame windows filled with stained glass. The east gable end is lighted by larger multi-section windows of the same type, separated and defined by shallow buttresses in the stone facing. A slim modern spire rises from the ridge near the east gable end.

Mount Oak Church has evolved from the simple one-room gable-roof meeting house of 1881 to its present form, consecrated 100 years later. The 1881 church was a small gable-roof structure, three bays long, with entrance centered in the east gable end between two windows. Windows were double hung sash, and both windows and double door were round-arched. A stove chimney rose from the north plane of the roof. In 1905 a bell-tower was added at the southeast corner and it became the entry vestibule; the original doors were moved to this new tower entrance.

In 1926, a three-room educational wing was constructed at the southwest corner of the sanctuary; it rested on a high basement. A furnace was installed in this basement at approximately this time.

In November 1935 a fire which apparently started in the furnace destroyed the interior of the sanctuary. Carpenter Millard Schafer (cf. MHT Files PG #70-39, PG #71A-8 and PG #71A-21) was hired to rebuild the interior, and during the next year the original building was raised and a basement excavated underneath. The raising of the floor level necessitated a change in the grade entrance; consequently the entry/bell tower was torn down, and a new entry vestibule was built, centered in the east gable and accessible by a flight of steps. The interior furniture of the sanctuary was replaced.

In the mid-1950's a belfry was built at the ridge near the east gable end, and the educational wing was extended at the northwest corner of the church, completing the crossbar of the T configuration. The completed educational wing is three bays deep, and four bays long on each side of the perpendicular sanctuary section.

A new building program was initiated in 1979, resulting in the present form of the church which was completed in 1981. The sanctuary was extended to the east, incorporating the small entry vestibule, adding three more rows of pews and a balcony, and providing a full-gable-width entry vestibule at the east gable end. The modern double-door entrance was built in the north side of this vestibule. The building was covered with a white cut-stone veneer, and the long aluminum-frame vertical windows were installed in the sanctuary section. The resulting building, which was consecrated in May 1981, is a noticeable landmark with a modern appearance.

To the east of the church, on the other side of the entrance drive from Mount Oak Road, is a two-story side-gabled parsonage which was completed in 1940. Across the intersection, on a hill to the southwest, is the church cemetery.

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1 See Note #3, Item #8.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG#74A-9

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	_x_ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
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_x_ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
_x_ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	_x_ other (specify) local history	
		___ invention			

Specific dates 1881, 1936, 1981 **Builder/Architect**

check: **Applicable Criteria:** __A __B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state __local

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Starting with a small, gable-roof, meeting-house style structure, the church has undergone a series of changes, e.g., windows and doors have been removed or replaced, additions have been made to the building and then removed, wings have been added and another is planned. In November 1935 a major fire gutted much of the interior of the sanctuary and, in the course of making the necessary repairs, the level of the main floor was raised to accommodate a basement. In the late 1970's the last reminder of Mount Oak's original appearance vanished when the exterior wooden siding was replaced with stone.[3] The new building was consecrated, May 17, 1981.

In May, 1905, John and Sarah Bowie of Mount Oak farm (PG #74A-8) deeded to the church trustees a six-acre parcel of land on the southwest corner of the road intersection. A cemetery was established there in that year; the gravestones record burials from that time to the present.[4]

Although Mount Oak began as a rural church, serving the residents of the large farms which surrounded it, it now stands in a developing suburban area. In meeting the needs of the present, little effort has been made to preserve the earlier aspects of the church building. Although some of the current parishioners represent the third and fourth generations of membership at Mount Oak, the present church no longer reflects the original church building. There are several other late nineteenth century Methodist churches in Prince George's County which retain much of their original appearance: Perkins Chapel at Springfield (#64-5), a rural meeting-house style structure with gabled entry vestibule, dating from the 1860's; Grace Methodist Church at Cedarville (#85B-4), a similar structure, but with gothic-arch windows, dating from 1879; Westwood Methodist Church at Cheltenham (#82A-21), a board-and-batten covered building with round-arch windows and three-story entry/bell tower, also from 1879; and Immanuel Methodist Church at Baden (#86B-18) a rural meeting-house style church with gothic-arch windows and gabled entry vestibule, built in 1896.[5] These four church buildings are good representatives of rural Victorian chapels in Prince George's County.

Mount Oak United Methodist Church has a long and important history, dating from the beginnings of McKendree Church in 1841. The building, however, has undergone a sequence of five major changes, and can no longer be said to represent the historic church.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed WAJ #3:257.

2 Prince George's County Deed #6:542.

3 Mount Oak United Methodist Church Centennial Booklet, printed 1981; cf. also attached chart, "Evolution of Mount Oak Church (74A-9) 1881-1981."

4 Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1984, p. 432.

5 cf. Inventory files PG #64-5, #82A-21, #85B-4 and #86B-18.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Chain of Title
Mt. Oak United Methodist Church history, 1981

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.G.'s Co. Preservation Commission **date** January 1985, March 1988

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city or town Upper Marlboro **state** Md. 20772

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Chain of Title

Mt. Oak Church
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#6:397 11/16/1901 Deed	Corilla W. Mullikin, unmarried, to Jeremiah Duckett, Walter Duckett, Rufus Bell, Grafton C.D. Townshend, John Peach, Edward S. Walker and Richard L. Peach, trustees; 1 acre, part of Mt. Oak "to be used as a place of divine worship"; same which grantor acquired by JB#3:542.
JB#3:542 12/13/1898 Deed	William B. and Kate C. Clagett to Corilla W. Mullikin; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak; same which William B. Clagett received by the will of his father.
JBP #1:172 6/28/1894 Will	After several bequests to female members of the family, Charles Clagett devised all the residue of his property, real and personal, to his son William B. Clagett; legacy included 41 11/20 acres of Mt. Oak which Charles Clagett acquired by HB #13:427.
WAJ #3:257 10/27/1881 Deed of Gift	Charles and Mary Clagett to Jonathan Walker, Richard E. Peach, et al, trustees, and their successors; 1 acre in Queen Anne District, part of Mt. Oak; trustees required to build a house of worship for the use of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South - reversion clause if the land ceased to be used for the stated purpose; same which grantors acquired by HB #13:427.
HB #13:427 6/3/1878 Deed	Joseph K. Roberts, trustee under decree of Equity dated 11/10/1877, to Charles Clagett; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak "of which John B. Mullikin died seized."

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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[1] Centennial Booklet, Mt. Oak Church, 1981.

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Notes

1 Liber WAJ #3:257.

2 Liber #6:542.

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city or town Upper Marlboro **state** Md. 20772

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Mt. Oak Methodist Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Road and Mt. Oak Road (NE quadrant)

CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☒ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville

STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a frame structure with a gabled facade. The entrance porch has a central double door with a segmentally arched transom light. The window in the gable is circular. The sidewalls have segmentally arched window heads. The church is sheathed with clapboards.

Before the church burned, it was smaller with a gabled facade with double windows. In one corner was an entrance porch with an open bell cote and pyramided roof.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☐ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century
- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Aboriginal
- ☐ Prehistoric
- ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)* _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

DATE
7 Oct 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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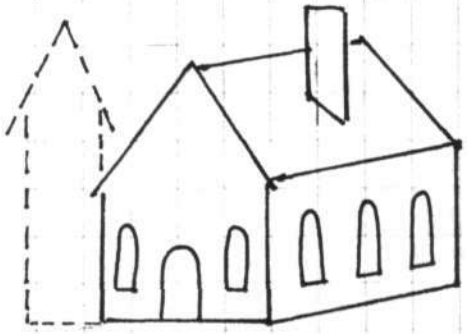
EVOLUTION OF MOUNT OAK CHURCH (74A-9) 1881-1981



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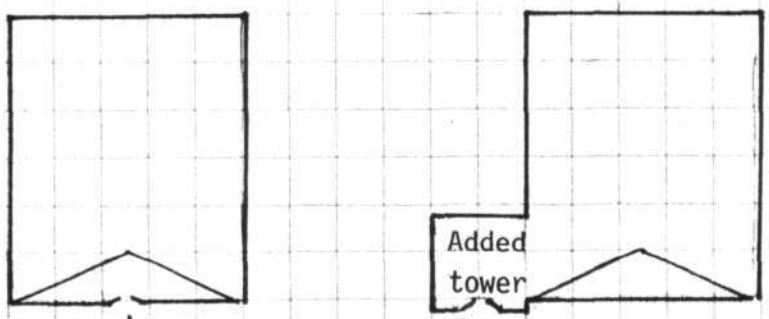

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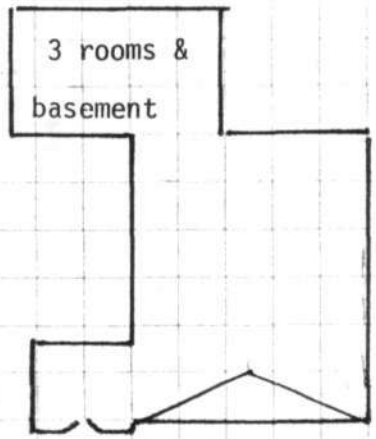

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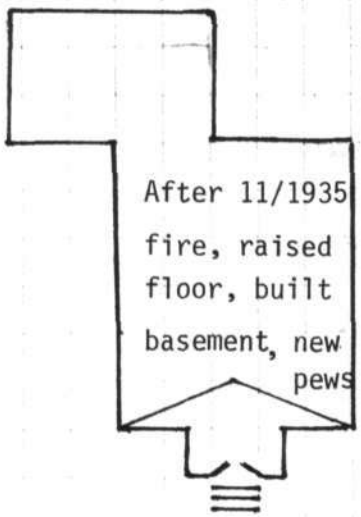

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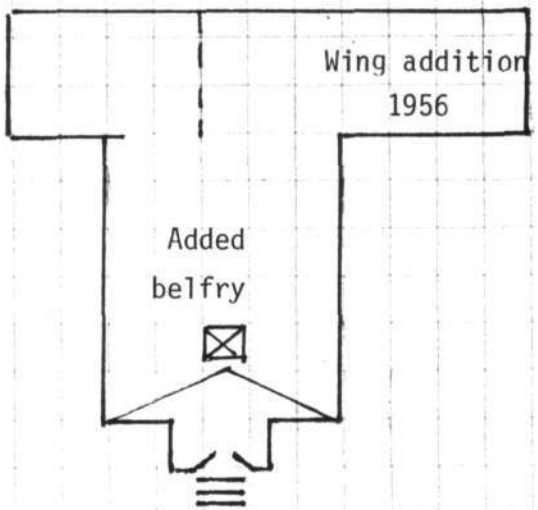

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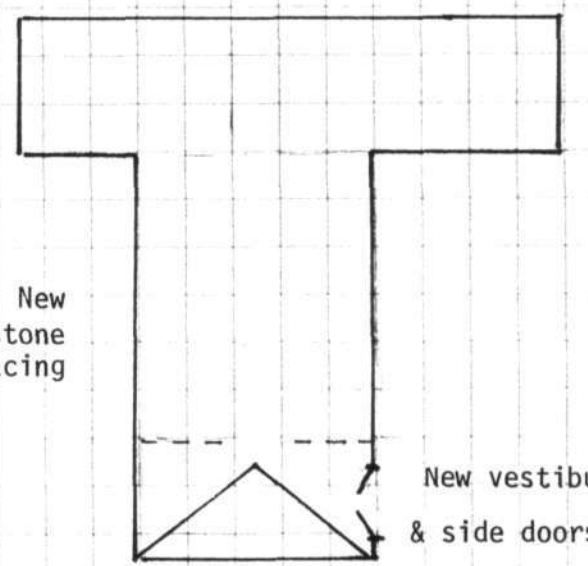

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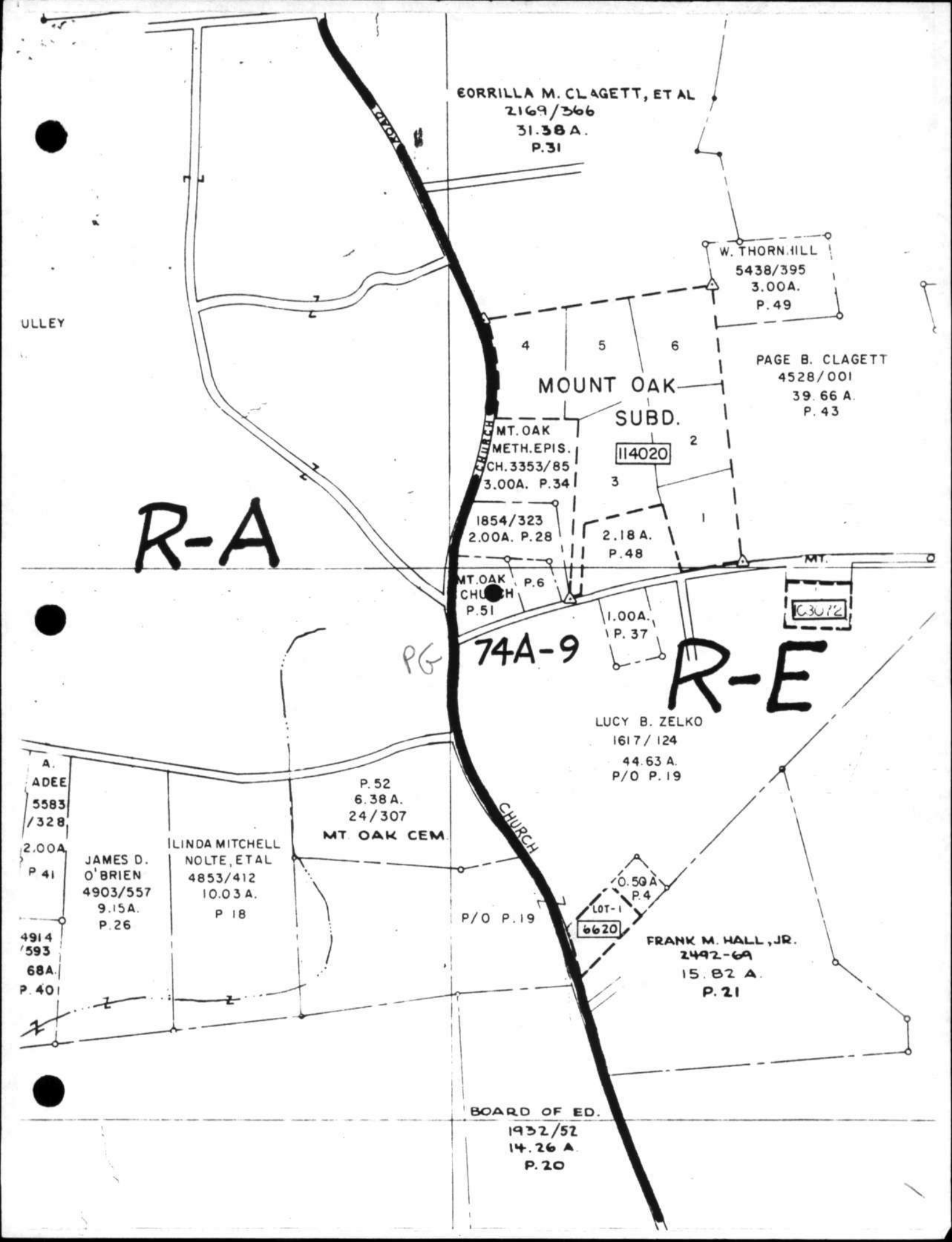
Chain of Title

Mt. Oak Church
P.G. #74A-9

#6:397 11/16/1901 Deed	Corilla W. Mullikin, unmarried, to Jeremiah Duckett, Walter Duckett, Rufus Bell, Grafton C.D. Townshend, John Peach, Edward S. Walker and Richard L. Peach, trustees; 1 acre, part of Mt. Oak "to be used as a place of divine worship"; same which grantor acquired by JB#3:542.
JB#3:542 12/13/1898 Deed	William B. and Kate C. Clagett to Corilla W. Mullikin; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak; same which William B. Clagett received by the will of his father.
JBP #1:172 6/28/1894 Will	After several bequests to female members of the family, Charles Clagett devised all the residue of his property, real and personal, to his son William B. Clagett; legacy included 41 11/20 acres of Mt. Oak which Charles Clagett acquired by HB #13:427.
WAJ #3:257 10/27/1881 Deed of Gift	Charles and Mary Clagett to Jonathan Walker, Richard E. Peach, et al, trustees, and their successors; 1 acre in Queen Anne District, part of Mt. Oak; trustees required to build a house of worship for the use of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South - reversion clause if the land ceased to be used for the stated purpose; same which grantors acquired by HB #13:427.
HB #13:427 6/3/1878 Deed	Joseph K. Roberts, trustee under decree of Equity dated 11/10/1877, to Charles Clagett; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak "of which John B. Mullikin died seized."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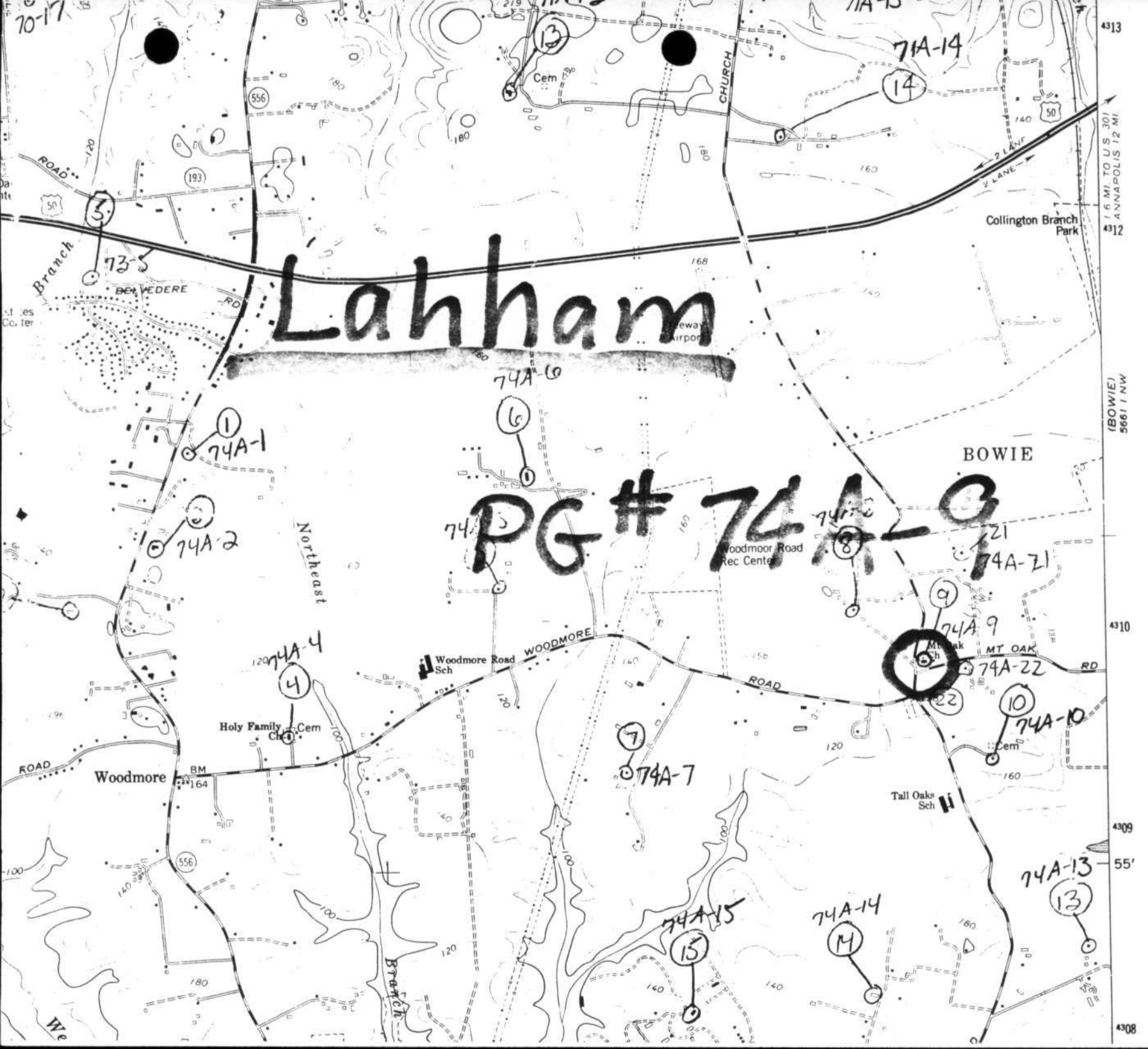
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NAME MT. OAK CHURCH

LOCATION MT. OAK Rd. & CHURCH Rd. (MT. OAK) MITCHELLVILLE, Md.

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